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The Bedford Anodizing Co. closed operations in July of 2013. A substantial amount of sodium hydroxide (high pH) and sulfuric acid (low pH) materials were left behind when the facility closed. The anodizing line has 30 vats that contain over 20,000 gallons of liquid and solid waste. The roof leaks and rainwater flows into the vats which overflow to the floor and out the building into a drainage ditch next to the facility. Collection pits have been dug between the building and ditch. These pits are filling up with caustic liquid with a pH of 13 and threaten to overflow into the ditch.

The Ohio EPA requested assistance from ERB to halt the intermittent release of these hazardous substances to the environment. The OSC activated the ERRS contractor to cover the tanks, clean the spilled material from the floor and pump out the collection pits on an emergency basis. The START contractor has also been activated to conduct a site assessment so an overall cleanup plan can be formalized.